

**China Mail booming  
in its 126th year**

The *China Mail* is 125 years old. Its first edition went to press on February 20, 1845. The English-language newspaper enters its 126th year with circulation at a record daily average of more than 21,000. This was a 13.9 percent increase on the previous year. The Mail is the only English-language newspaper in Hong Kong to publish three editions a day.

It was established as a weekly in a small office in Pottinger Street, Central, with just one man—Andrew Shortrede—to “deliver” it. The Mail became a daily newspaper in 1867 and changed from broadsheet to tabloid format in 1967.